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## ***Jersey City to Host the Annual Memorial Service “Reflections” on the Jersey City Waterfront To Observe With Song, Music, Prayers and Speeches Memorial Freedom Wreath to Be Floated in the Hudson River***

**Jersey City – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Jersey City 9/11 Memorial Committee** will observe the seventh annual **9-11 Memorial Service “Reflections,”** at 8:30 a.m. on **Thursday, September 11, 2008** at the **foot of Grand Street on the Jersey City Waterfront.** The public is encouraged to attend the patriotic ceremony.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Jersey City lost 37 of its own in the devastating terrorist attacks at Ground Zero. The events of that day unfolded across the Hudson River, and Jersey City’s waterfront became a staging ground in the recovery and relief efforts. Today, the 9-11 monument, stands across the river of where the World Trade Towers once stood.

“It was a tragic day in which the whole world stood still and offered prayers and condolences to the people of the United States of America,” **Mayor Healy** said. “The September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial pays tribute to those who lost their lives and loved ones on that tragic day and reflects the outpouring of support, and patriotism that exemplifies the true spirit of our community.”

Since 2002, the **Jersey City 9-11 Memorial Committee** has observed the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the forced crash of a commercial aircraft, Flight 93, in a Pennsylvania field which had been commandeered by terrorists.

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“America will never forget those cowardly attacks on our country that sunny Tuesday morning of September 11, 2001,” **Mayor Healy** continued. “More than 3,000 men, women and children were killed, actually murdered, in those senseless acts of aggression, among them, 37 residents of Jersey City. Their names are honorably etched in stone on our City’s 9-11 Memorial for future generations to remember with respect and honor.”

The Mayor noted that contingents of Jersey City firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses and medical technicians were among the first responders to the site of Ground Zero on that horrific day. A triage was established in Liberty State Park and New York Waterway ferried thousands of injured people and workers from the devastated area in Lower Manhattan to safety in Jersey City. The Jersey City Medical Center, Greenville Hospital, Christ Hospital and Saint Francis Hospital were the medical facilities where most of those brought to Jersey City were treated. Local funeral homes were called upon to offer assistance with the bodies of those who were killed.

The 9-11 ceremony will feature remarks by Mayor Healy and members of the City Council, along with relatives of some of those killed. Prayers by clergy of a number of religious dominations, special songs and inspirational music are part of the remembrance program. Continuing a spiritual custom started in 2002, there will be the recitation of the names of the residents of Jersey City killed in the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, along with the sounding of a bell.

**For more information on Jersey City’s 9-11 Memorial Service, contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921.**

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